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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A packaging of the Stickpack type and the like with improved opening, comprising a single- or multilayer flexible film that forms a hermetically sealed tubular body that is provided longitudinally with a first band of inside/outside sealing of mutually opposite longitudinal flaps of said film and is provided transversely with second sealing bands of the inside/inside type, a sealed extension region protruding from at least one of said second sealing bands on a respective portion of at least one edge of said tubular body, said packaging being characterized in that it comprises, in longitudinal alignment with said sealed extension region, transverse preweakening incisions that are provided along at least one of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps.

2. (Withdrawn) The packaging according to claim 1, characterized in that said second sealing bands are each provided transversely on the longitudinal ends of said tubular body that form the bottom and the top of said packaging, a weakening pre-cut being provided on said sealed extension region related to the second sealing band that corresponds to said top, said transverse weakening incisions being provided along both of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps.

3. (Withdrawn) The packaging according to claim 1, characterized in that said second sealing bands are each provided transversely on the longitudinal ends of said tubular body that form the bottom and the top of said packaging, a weakening pre-cut being provided on said sealed extension region related to the second sealing band that corresponds to said top, said transverse weakening incisions being formed along just one of said longitudinal flaps of said film.

4. (Withdrawn) The packaging according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said transverse weakening incisions run longitudinally for a length that is at least equal to the longitudinal length of said sealed extension region.

5. (Withdrawn) The packaging according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that said transverse weakening incisions are smaller than the width of said first sealing band.

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6. (Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing packagings of the Stickpack type and the like, characterized in that between the unwinding of a single- or multilayer film to provide a partial packaging and the sealing of said partial packaging by means of longitudinal and transverse seals in order to obtain a hermetically sealed packaging, it consists in providing transverse incisions on at least one of the longitudinal mutually opposite flaps of said film.

7. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that said transverse incisions are provided after unwinding said film and before folding said unwound film onto a forming collar.

8. (Currently amended) A packaging of the ~~Stickpack~~ stickpac type with improved opening, comprising: a film made with at least one layer, which forms a hermetically longitudinally sealed tubular body having mutually opposite complementary flaps; a first sealing band for longitudinal sealing of said body; second sealing bands for sealing transversely said body; a sealed extension region protruding along a corresponding longitudinal edge of said tubular body from at least one of said second sealing bands; transverse preweakening slit incisions provided in longitudinal alignment with said sealed extension region along at least one of said mutually opposite longitudinal flaps; and wherein said first sealing band is of an inside/inside sealing type and wherein said first sealing band is folded and at least partially adheres longitudinally to an outer surface of said tubular body, and wherein an adhesive layer is further provided at said first sealing band for providing adhesion thereof at said outer surface of the body.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) The packaging of claim 9 8, wherein said adhesive layer is constituted by a thermolacquer.

11. (Currently amended) The packaging of claim 9 8, wherein said adhesive layer is constituted by a sealing film.